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Proclamation of an international year of mountains

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1997/45 of 22 July 1997 on the proclamation of an international year of mountains,

* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

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Recalling also its resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in which it recognized the contribution that the celebration of international years could make to the furtherance of international cooperation and understanding,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, in which it is recognized that the proclamation of an international year of mountains would provide an impetus for achieving sustainable mountain development,[1]

Recommends that the General Assembly at its fifty-third session proclaim the year 2002 as the International Year of Mountains.

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[1] E/1998/68, para. 16.